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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. RIGGS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 7, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable FRANK RIGGS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, from whom comes every good thing, we ask that Your Spirit lead us along the right way, hold our lives in Your providence, direct our minds and enlighten our hearts and heal us and make us strong. We begin each day with gratefulness and confidence that any anxiety or concern that we may have will be sanctified by Your gifts to us and made well by Your presence. May Your renewing Spirit, O God, touch the lives of every person, that we will be the people You would have us be, and do those good works that honor You and serve people everywhere. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN, come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize 20 Members on each side for the purposes of making a 1-minute address to the House.

SUPPORT URGED FOR A REAFFIRMATION OF UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY IN CUBA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today the House resumes consideration of the American Overseas Interests Act.

This bill reduces spending by \$3 billion over the next 2 years, and reforms our foreign policy institutions by folding three agencies into the State Department. Five recent Secretaries of State—Eagleburger, Baker, Shultz, Haig, and Kissinger—endorse this plan. The bill addresses important policy issues. It stops aid to countries that supply weapons to terrorist States and those who vote consistently against us in the United Nations. It cuts off aid to countries that provide aid to the Castro regime or which engage in subsidized trade with the Cuban dictatorship.

Tomorrow, freedom-loving people are rallying at noon in Lafayette Park in

front of the White House to protest the administration's policy of forcible repatriation of Cuban refugees. I encourage all of my colleagues to join in this protest and to demand a reaffirmation of this country's commitment to freedom and democracy in Cuba, and please support our bill this week.

HOUSTON ROCKETS PLAYING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, let me take just a minute away from the budget cutting debate and the foreign aid debate. Tonight the world champion Houston Rockets will be playing in the finals with the Orlando Magic. I just wanted to talk about it, because this is the second year in a row those of us in Houston have been honored to have the Rockets in the world championship.

This has been a tough year. That is why we are starting in on the road, even though we are world champions. We are blessed by not only a great basketball team but a great city in Houston.

I was honored a couple months ago to receive an award along with Hakeem Olajuwon, an outstanding alumnus of the University of Houston. I am proud that the University of Houston is playing a part in tonight's world championship, because both of the Rockets' stars, Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler, were on the University of Houston teams in 1983 and 1984 when they went to the NCAA championship. The Rockets are fighting to have a back-to-back championship. They have overcome adversity and injuries to become the Western Conference champions.

I see my colleague from Phoenix. There are great teams in Phoenix and other western divisions. I hope they

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